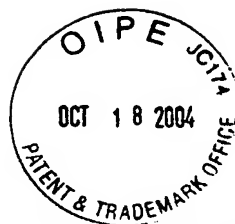


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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
AKIKO MIYAHARA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: LEUNG, P
SERIAL NO: 10/810,834 :
FILED: MARCH 29, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3742
FOR: INDUCTION HEATING TYPE :
FIXING DEVICE FOR AN IMAGE
FORMING APPARATUS AND
INDUCTION HEATING COIL THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction and Election Requirements dated August 18, 2004,
Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group (Invention) I and Claims 15-72 and 76-79
of the elected invention, and further provisionally elect with traverse the Species of Figure
18, and identify Claims 15, 19, 21, 22, 56, 57, 60, 61 and 66 as readable on the elected
Species.

Applicants respectfully traverse both the Restriction and Election of Species
Requirements for the following reason.

M.P.E.P. § 803 states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application
can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must
examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to
distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search
area. Therefore, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding Restriction and Election

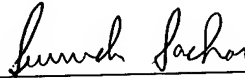
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Requirements on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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